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SUBJ: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS QATAR

1. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER KNUD ANDERSEN MADE BRIEF VISIT TO QATAR MAY 7-8 DURING COURSE OF TOUR OF NUMBER OF GULF STATES. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING MAY 7, ANDERSEN GAVE AMBASSADOR ACCOUNT OF HIS COVERSATIONS IN QATAR AND KUWAIT.

2. ACCORDING ANDERSEN, AMIR OF QATAR WAS VERY MODERATE ON ENERGY QUESTION; RE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOG, AMIR HAD STRESSED NECESSITY FOR "COOPERATIO NOT CONFRONTATION". AMIR ASSERTED THAT PRODUCERS VERY MUCH AWARE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND DID NOT RPT NOT WISH TO FURTHER AGGRAVATE THESE, SINCE WORLD ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM ESSENTIAL FOR LONG TERM WELL-BEING OF PRODUCERS TOO. ANDERSEN SAID AMIR
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HAD INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY MUST

INCLUDE SOME CONSIDERATION OF INDEXATION, AS THIS NECESSITY FOR PRODUCERS. (COMMENT: AMIR'S VIEWS AS EXPLAINED TO ANDERSEN CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HE HAS TOLD US REPEATEDLY ON ENERGY ISSUE.)

3. ANDERSEN SAID THAT KUWAITI OIL MINISTER KAZEMI HAD GENERALLY AGREED THAT ENERGY PROBLEM SHOULD BE PRIMARY FOCUS OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOG. ACCORDING ANDERSEN, KAZEMI SUGGESTED THAT IF CONSUMERS LOOSENED UP ON BROADENING AGENDA OF P/C CONFERENCE, IT COULD BE ARRANGED THAT ENERGY ISSUE NONETHELESS WOULD BE DOMINATING ELEMENT OF DISCUSSIONS. ANDERSEN EXPRESSED HIS SKEPTICISM TO AMBASSADOR THAT ANY SUCH PREARRANGEMENT WOULD WORK OUT.

4. FURTHER RE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOG, ANDERSEN SAID THAT AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT AFTER HE HAD ARTICULATED CONSUMER POSITION ON PRIMACY OF ENERGY AS SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION, HE HAD BEEN BADGERED BY REPORTERS FOR SUPPORTING US-KISSINGER POSITION. ANDERSEN SAID HE HAD RESPONDED TO THEM THAT HE NOT SPEAKING FOR US, AND REPORTERS SHOULD QUERY SECRETARY HIMSELF FOR US VIEW.

5. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS NEOPHYTE ON HIS FIRST FORAY IN AREA, ANDERSEN OBSERVED THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH MODERATION AND FRIENDLINESS HE HAD FOUND IN REGION, AND PARTICULARLY WITH RECEPTIVITY TO WIDE-RANGING ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH WEST, EUROPE IN PARTICULAR.
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